

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-02966-TSC**

INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY RESEARCH v. UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Assigned to: Judge Tanya S. Chutkan

Demand: \$0

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 12/17/2018

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

**INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY  
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**Defendant**

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
STATE**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
12/17/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT <i>FILED BY PLAINTIFF IER</i> against UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE <i>DEFENDANT</i> ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5841854) filed by INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY RESEARCH. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet CIVIL COVER SHEET, # <u>2</u> Summons SUMMONS STATE DEPT, # <u>3</u> Summons SUMMONS US AG, # <u>4</u> Summons SUMMONS USADC, # <u>6</u> Notice and Consent CONSENT TO MAGISTRATE JUDGE)(Horner, Christopher) Modified on 12/21/2018 (zef, ). (Entered: 12/17/2018)
12/17/2018	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests (zef, ) (Entered: 12/21/2018)
12/17/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Tanya S. Chutkan. (zmd) (Entered: 12/21/2018)
12/21/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent) (zmd) (Entered: 12/21/2018)
01/14/2019	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 1/7/2019. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 2/6/2019. (Horner, Christopher) (Entered: 01/14/2019)

01/14/2019	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 01/07/19. (Horner, Christopher) (Entered: 01/14/2019)
01/14/2019	<u>6</u>	ENTERED IN ERROR.....RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 1/11/2019 (Horner, Christopher) Modified on 1/24/2019 (jf). (Entered: 01/14/2019)
01/24/2019		NOTICE OF CORRECTED DOCKET ENTRY: Document No. re <u>6</u> Summons Returned Executed as to Federal Defendant was entered in error as duplicate filing to <u>4</u> and counsel was instructed to refile said pleading. (jf) (Entered: 01/24/2019)
01/26/2019	<u>7</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Johnny Hillary Walker, III on behalf of All Defendants (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 01/26/2019)
02/06/2019	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 02/06/2019)
02/07/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. The requirements of LCvR 16.3 and Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil procedure appear to be inapplicable. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and propose a schedule for proceeding in this matter. The schedule shall address the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff, whether a motion for an Open America stay is likely in this case, whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case, whether and when either party anticipates filing a dispositive motion, and any other pertinent issues. The parties shall file a joint status report that addresses these issues no later than 3/8/19. The joint status report shall be accompanied by a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 2/7/19. (DJS) (Entered: 02/07/2019)
02/08/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/8/2019. (tb) (Entered: 02/08/2019)
03/08/2019	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 03/08/2019)
03/14/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Having considered the parties' joint status report <u>9</u> , it is hereby ordered that the parties shall file another joint report by April 22, 2019, and every 45 days thereafter. To the extent the report contains a proposed production or briefing schedule, the report shall be accompanied by a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 3/14/19. (DJS) (Entered: 03/14/2019)